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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MONDAY'S EVENING REPORT:

-- SOUTHERN AFRICA. INSTRUCTIONS HAVE GONE OUT TO OUR EMBASSIES TO BRIEF THE FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS, THE RHODESIAN NATIONALIST LEADERS, SOUTH AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTER BOTHA, AND SMITH'S REPRESENTATIVE IN CAPETOWN ON THE PLANNED JOINT US-UK ANNOUNCEMENT ON NEXT STEPS IN THE RHODESIAN NEGOTIATIONS. THE UK IS MAKING PARALLEL APPROACHES AND WILL ALSO INFORM NETO VIA THE ITALIAN EMBASSY IN LUANDA. TO MEET THEIR CONCERNS, WE ARE EMPHASIZING TO THE PRESIDENTS AND THE NATIONALIST LEADERS THAT WE OURSELVES DO NOT WISH TO NEGOTIATE THE DETAILS OF A CONSTITUTION, THAT WE VIEW OUR ROLE AS HELPING TO REACH AGREEMENT ON BASIC PRINCIPLES, AND THAT, IF THERE IS SECRET

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PROGRESS IN THE CONSULTATIONS, WE ARE PREPARED TO URGE SMITH TO AGREE TO A JUST SETTLEMENT.

-- KOREAN CALL. WHEN KOREAN AMBASSADOR KIM CALLED ON ME TODAY, I INFORMED HIM IN GENERAL TERMS ABOUT THE UPCOMING TRIP TO SEOUL AND TOKYO BY GENERAL BROWN AND PHIL HABIB. I ALSO TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO UNDERLINE THE URGENCY OF

CY'S STRONG MESSAGE TO HIM TWO WEEKS AGO ON HUMAN RIGHTS. KIM CONTINUED TO PLEAD FOR TIME FOR THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT TO SETTLE THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES QUIETLY, BUT I MADE IT CLEAR TO HIM THAT TIME IS GETTING SHORT.

- -- LAW OF THE SEA NEGOTIATIONS. I MET WITH ELLIOT RICHARDSON AND ANDY YOUNG TODAY TO DISCUSS THE LAW OF THE SEA (LOS) NEGOTIATING SESSION SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN NEW YORK ON MAY 23. THE NEGOTIATION HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY DIVIDED ALONG NORTH-SOUTH LINES, MAKING AGREEMENT ON A COMPREHENSIVE LOS TREATY A PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT UNDERTAKING. ALTHOUGH DEVISING AN AGREED REGIME FOR MINING DEEP SEABED MINERAL RESOURCES WILL BE THE MOST DIFFICULT MATTER AT THE FORTHCOMING SESSION, OUR BASIC INTEREST IN A TREATY LIES IN FASHIONING A STABLE LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE OCEANS AND IN ASSURING, FOR NATIONAL SECURITY REASONS, CONTINUED GLOBAL MOBILITY FOR OUR AIR AND SEA FORCES.
- -- SALT AND CONGRESS. STATE AND ACDA ARE WORKING TO BUILD SUPPORT IN THE SENATE FOR OUR DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SOVIETS. ON FRIDAY MORNING WE WILL HOLD A SECOND INTENSIVE BRIEFING OF SENATORS CULVER, HART, BUMPERS, SARBANES AND CHAFEE DESIGNED TO PREPARE THEM TO PLAY LEADING ROLES IN FUTURE SALT DEBATES. SENATOR CRANSTON, WHO IS CO-SPONSORING THIS EFFORT WITH US, WILL ALSO BE PRESENT.

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PAUL WARNKE PLANS TO TAKE A RELATED STEP AND INVITE YOU AND SPEAKER O'NEIL TO NOMINATE SELECTED SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN TO JOIN HIS DELEGATION. THE MEMBERS WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN ACTUAL NEGOTIATIONS, BUT THE BRIEFINGS THEY RECEIVE AND THEIR PARTICIPATION IN PLENARY SESSIONS WILL PROVIDE THEM WITH A PERSONAL APPRECIATION OF THE NATURE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, THE POSITIONS OF OUR ALLIES, AND THE DIMENSIONS OF OUR PROBLEMS WITH THE SOVIETS.

-- UN CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. FATHER HESBURGH OF NOTRE DAME TODAY AGREED TO SERVE AS THE HEAD OF THE U.S. DELEGATION TO THE UN CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT TO BE HELD IN 1979. THE PURPOSE OF THIS IMPORTANT CONFERENCE WILL BE TO HELP THE INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS DEVISE WAYS OF MEETING THE TECHNOLOGICAL NEEDS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. WE HAVE ALREADY ESTABLISHED A PLANNING STAFF HERE AT THE DEPARTMENT UNDER AMBASSADOR JEAN WILKOWSKI. THE PRESIDENT MAY POSSIBLE ANNOUNCE

FATHER HESBURGH'S SELECTION DURING HIS NOTRE DAME COMMENCEMENT SPEECH A WEEK FROM SUNDAY.

-- WORLD BANK LOANS TO ETHIOPIA. I HAVE RECOMMENDED TO TREASURY THAT THE U.S. ABSTAIN TOMORROW ON THE TWO PROPOSED LOANS FOR ETHIOPIA, TOTALING \$57 MILLION, THAT THE INTERAGENCY GROUP DISCUSSED FRIDAY. IN MARCH OUR EMBASSY CONCLUDED THAT ETHIOPIA "CONTINUES TO VIOLATE INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS STANDARDS", AND THE SITUATION HAS DETERIORATED SINCE THEN. WHILE WE DEPLORE THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN ETHIOPIA, THE LOANS ARE LIKELY TO BENEFIT DESPERATELY POOR SEGMENTS OF THE ETHIOPIAN POPULATION. THUS, RATHER THAN OPPOSE THE LOANS -- WHICH WOULD NOT, IN ANY EVENT, SUFFICE TO PREVENT THEM -- WE BELIEVE IT PREFERABLE TO REGISTER OUR CONCERN BY ABSTAINING.

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OUR REPRESENTATIVE WILL STATE OUR VIEWS AT THE WORLD BANK BOARD MEETING TOMORROW AND WE WILL ALSO COMMUNICATE THEM TO THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT. WE WILL MAKE CLEAR THAT IF HUMAN RIGHTS CONDITIONS IN ETHIOPIA IMPROVE, WE STAND READY TO PROMOTE PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO IMPROVE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS IN ETHIOPIA, BUT THAT IF THEY CONTINUE TO DETERIORATE, A SERIOUS QUESTION WILL ARISE WHETHER LOANS TO ETHIOPIA, INCLUDING THOSE INTENDED TO AID PEOPLE MOST IN NEED, CAN IN FACT ACHIEVE THEIR OBJECTIVES, CHRISTOPHER

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